Reply of Government.—Under the rules made by the Judicial Commissioner in 1869, the payment of batta to witnesses in Magisterial Courts is limited to those who are poor or whose expenses are considerable. No change is possible now. Will be considered in the future.

Subject No. 62.

Divesting Amildars of Police and Magisterial functions.

Mr. Subba Rao of Heggadevankote Taluk.
Mr. Nadig Sivappa, Sorab Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—The question of divesting Amildars of Police and Magisterial functions is under discussion for the past several years. As no satisfactory result can be expected from Amildars who are not impartial in the exercise of such powers, it is prayed that they may be divested of one of the functions.

Mr. Subba Rao.—"It is preferable to divest Amildars of Police functions"

Messrs. Amble Annaiya Pandit, Magadi Krishnamurti C. Vasudeva Rao, Turuvekere Naranappa and several others—"Amildars should have Police functions as at present; otherwise, Police Inspectors and others will greatly harass the people."

Mr. Krishna Murti.—"If possible Police power may be given to Divisional Assistant Commissioners."

Mr. D. Gopalachar of Devanhalli.—"It is enough if Police cases are not cognized by the Taluk Amildars in other respects the existing practice should be retained."

Reply of Government.—The question of divesting Amildars of Police powers has been referred to the Police Regulation Committee.

Subject No. 63.

Investing Taluk Sheristadars with 3rd Class Magisterial powers.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao of Mysore Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—It will be to a certain extent relief to Amildars and convenience to the public, if Taluk Sheristadars in charge of Treasuries are invested with 3rd class Magisterial powers.

Withdrawn.

Subject No. 64.

Investing Revenue Inspectors (Sheikdars) under the new Scheme, with powers for entertaining and disposing of certain Civil suits.

Mr. Lingegowda of Mysore Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—Civil Courts being very heavily worked, cases are allowed to drag on for a very long time before they are disposed of. As under the new scheme Revenue Inspectors (Sheikdars are to be appointed), it is prayed that these may be empowered to entertain and dispose of Civil suits for amounts not exceeding Rs. 10 with the aid of panchayatdars and if both parties come to an amicable settlement among themselves, then suits of the value of Rs. 250 may also be disposed of by the Revenue Inspectors.

Reply of Government.—The subject was first mooted in 1899. It is not possible to comply with the representation.

Subject No. 65.

Transfer of the Tumkur 2nd Assistant Commissioner's office to Tiptur.

Mr. Tiptur Sivananjappa.

Summary of Discussion.—The 2nd Assistant Commissioner, Tumkur District, is placed in charge of the Tiptur, Gubbi and Chiknayakanhalli Taluks. Sometimes parties have to travel some 40 or 50 miles to Tumkur and are thereby put to great inconvenience. Moreover, owing to frequent changes in the running of trains, people do not

know the exact hour of arrival of trains and they have to reach Tumkur some two or three days after the dates of hearing. To avoid these inconveniences the 2nd Assistant Commissioner's office may be located at Tiptur which is the centre of the sub-division.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into and considered. But at present it does not seem to be necessary, as Assistant Commissioners have to travel for 7 months.

Subject No. 66

Residents of villages to be relieved of the duty of keeping night-watch by turns.

Mr. H. Krishnachar, Goribidnur Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—The rules at present require the residents in villages to keep watch by turns during nights without any distinction as to their caste, creed and social position. If any one should, by unavoidable circumstances, absent himself from his duty he is criminally fined. This is a great hardship to the people. As minor village servants are granted Inams as well as Miras it is but right that they should be deputed for this duty.

Reply of Government.—Is not practicable and cannot be done.

Subject No. 67.

Increase of Police Force.

Mr. E. R. George, Kolar Mining Board

Summary of discussion.—There is necessity for augmentation and improvement in Police and detective supervision, also for deterrent sentences. Thefts are alarmingly on the increase.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

Subject No. 68.

Additional Police Constables for the Melkote Police Station.

Mr. Varahaswami Iyengar of Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha of Melkote.

Summary of Discussion.—The Police watch at Melkote is not sufficient. The present staff consisting of 4 or 5 constables will have to patrol 50 or 60 villages. Petty thefts are occurring and the difficulties in the sheds and in the town at the time of the outbreak of plague are indescribable. It is therefore proposed that 4 more constables be added to the present staff.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Inspector General of Police for disposal.

Subject No. 69.

Investiture of powers to Patels under village Police Rules.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa, Sorab Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—Petty Criminal offences committed in villages are now brought to Court which entails on raiyats expense and labour. It is prayed that qualified patels may be invested under village Police Rules with powers to enquire and dispose of petty cases committed in their respective villages.

Withdrawn.

Subject No. 70.

Shooting Licenses.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao of Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The existing grievances in regard to obtaining shooting licenses may be facilitated.

Mr. Vasudeva Rao.—"Licenses are not being issued to all applicants and it is not possible to ascertain how the discretion given is exercised. Out of 800 applications for shooting licenses, only 14 applications were granted, of which two were from Government officers."